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**OPINION NO.**

**2003.01-100**

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At the January 16, 2003 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

*If a corporation makes more than 50% of the contributions to a campaign committee, is that corporation deemed to be a connected organization as defined in section 130.011(11), RSMo, and if it is, must the name of the corporation appear in the filings under section 130.021.5(1), RSMo?*

Section 130.011(11), RSMo states that a connected organization is an organization "which expends funds or provides services or facilities to establish, administer or maintain a committee, or to solicit contributions to a committee from its members, officers, directors or employees or security holders. An organization shall be deemed to be the connected organization if more than fifty percent of the persons making contributions to the committee during the current calendar year are members, officers, directors, employees, or security holders..."

In the case you present, the contributions are made from the corporation; therefore, this does not meet the statutory definition and is not a connected organization.

Sincerely,

  
R. F. Connor  
Executive Director

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